



Fiscal Year 2022 Budget

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Commissioner**

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Public Health in Vermont



public
 prevention **Healthy** support
Vermonters
 promote equity **Living**
communities valued workforce

Vision

Healthy Vermonters living in healthy communities

Mission

Protect and promote the best health for all Vermonters

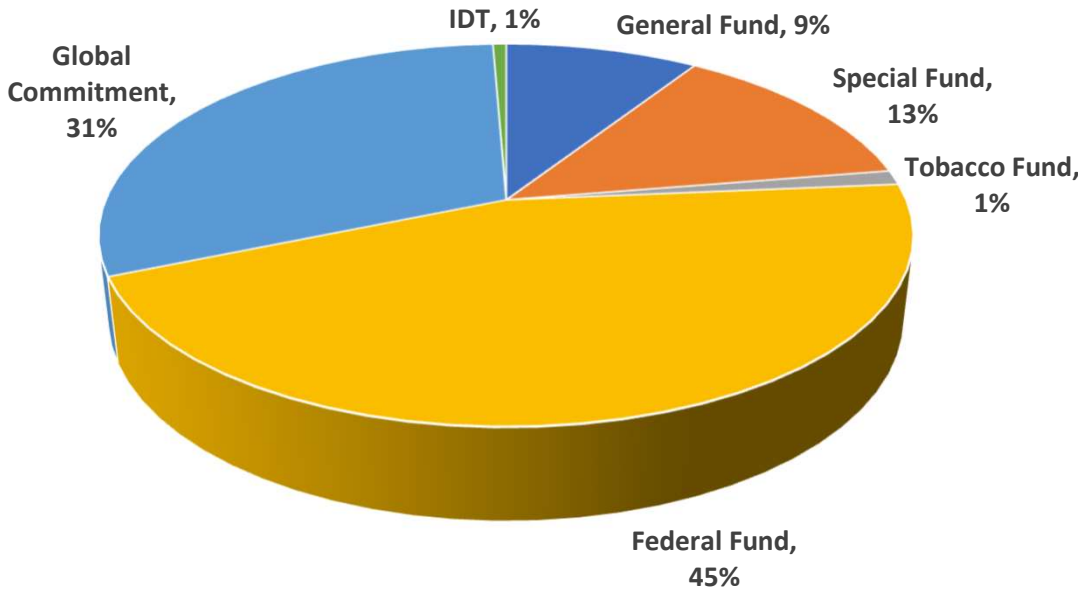
- 1 Effective and integrated public health programs
- 2 Communities with the capacity to respond to public health needs
- 3 Internal systems that provide consistent and responsive support
- 4 A competent and valued workforce that is supported in promoting and protecting the public's health
- 5 A public health system that is understood and valued by Vermonters
- 6 Health equity for all Vermonters

**Agency of Human Services
Vermont Department of Health
FY 2022 Governor's Recommend Budget**

Mission: To protect and promote the best health for all Vermonters.

FY 2022 SUMMARY & HIGHLIGHTS

Current service budget is funded
No reductions to programs, staff or services.



General Fund	\$ 15,375,085.00
Special Fund	\$ 22,339,110.00
Tobacco Fund	\$ 2,038,835.00
Federal Fund	\$ 75,808,345.00
Global Commitment	\$ 51,612,670.00
IDT	\$ 1,062,729.00
Total	\$ 168,236,774.00

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ISF Change - Human Resources (519006)	1,762	577	96	4,932		1,167	8,534
ISF Change - VISION (516671)	(6,001)	(1,950)	(99)	(16,660)		(4,169)	(28,879)
ISF Change - State Liability (GL) (516010)	(3,711)	(1,206)	(201)	(10,302)		(2,438)	(17,858)
ISF Change - Property and Commercial Insurance (516000)	(1,079)	(351)	(34)	(2,997)		(734)	(5,195)
ISF Change - ADS Service Level Agreement (516660)	57,530	14,241	1,321	133,619		32,017	238,728
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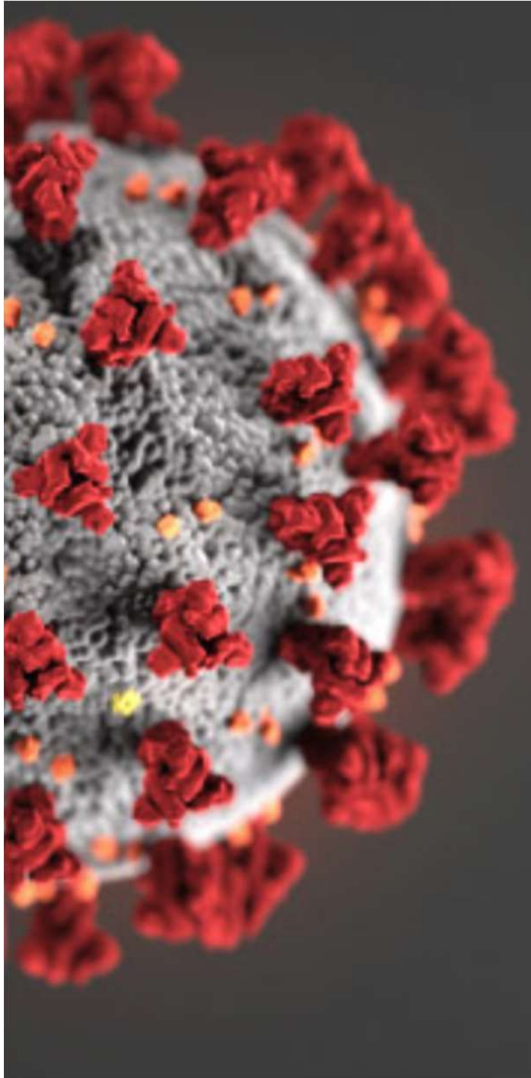
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Personal Services:							
Salary and Fringe Increase/(Decrease) - Existing Positions	10,696	22,521		141,082			174,299
Net Personal Services Account Code Changes		41,175		(47,444)			(6,269)
Operating Expenses:							
Net Operating Expense Account Code Changes	(6,500)	10,000		66,000			69,500
Grants:							
FY22 Subtotal of Increases/Decreases	4,196	73,696	0	159,638	0	0	237,530
FY22 Gov Recommended	1,238,534	1,354,762	949,917	18,651,302	26,959,264	5,238,926	54,392,705

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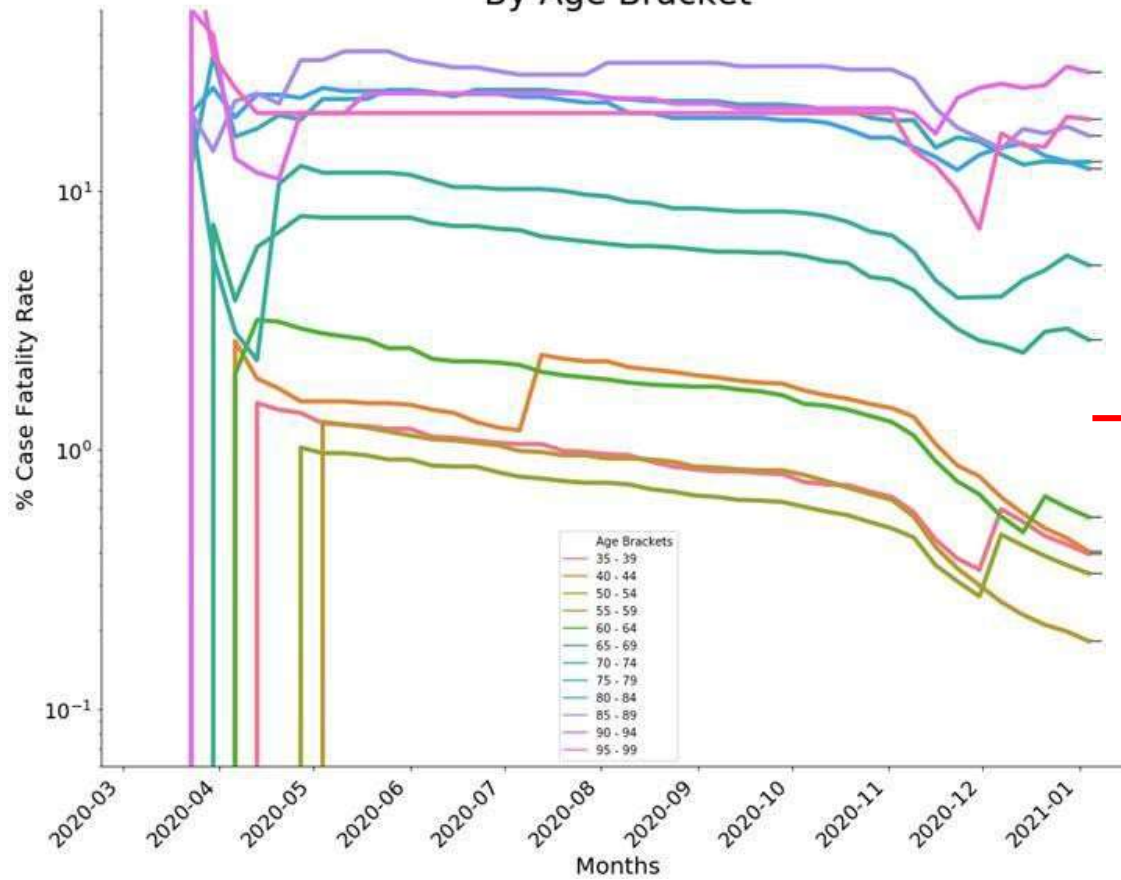
Funding for Health Department COVID-19 Response

Public Health Emergency Response	3/15/2020	\$	4,902,840
Epi & Lab Capacity (ELC) CARES Supplement	4/23/2020	\$	5,447,600
CRF allocation JFC	5/8/2020	\$	18,175,863
ELC Enhancing Detection Supplement	5/18/2020	\$	55,078,471
Vaccine preparedness	6/5/2020	\$	262,328
Vaccine preparedness	9/23/2020	\$	374,800
Vaccine preparedness	12/16/2020	\$	262,328
ELC supplement	12/17/2020	\$	854,000
ELC ED Expansion Supplement	1/14/2021	\$	35,915,798
Immunization Grant Supplement	1/15/2021	\$	5,638,273
Total Funding Awarded through 1/25/21		\$	126,912,301
Health Department COVID-19 spending through 12/31/20		\$	34,750,421
Remaining funds on hand for response		\$	92,161,880



COVID-19 Vaccine Update

Case Fatality Rate of COVID-19 Deaths in Vermont
By Age Bracket

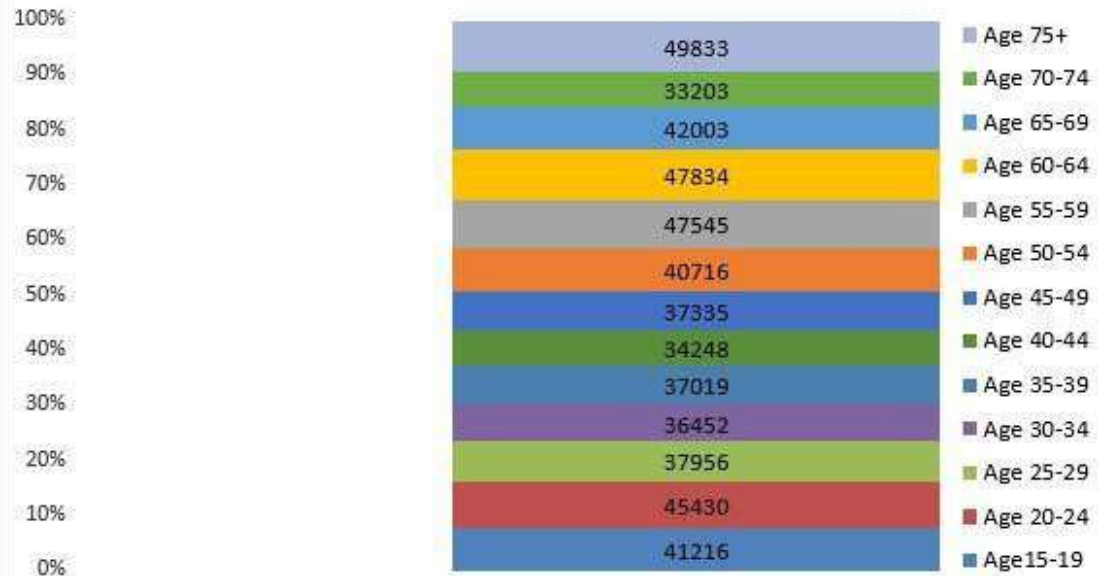


VT CFR 1.9%

- Age 95-99: 18.9%
- Age 90-94: 28.7%
- Age 85-89: 16.3%
- Age 80-84: 12.2%
- Age 75-79: 13.0%
- Age 70-74: 5.2%
- Age 65-69: 2.7%
- Age 60-64: .5%
- Age 55-59: .4%
- Age 50-54: .2%
- Age 45-49: .4%
- Age 40-44: .4%

Vaccine Age Bands

Vermont 2019 Population Estimates, by Age Groups



Vermonters with COVID-19 who are high risk have more serious health outcomes.

Average Length of Illness (Days)



Nearly 1 in 3 high risk Vermonters hospitalized are admitted to the ICU (31%).

Average Length of Hospitalization (Days)



All deaths have been among those who are high risk.

Percent hospitalized



4% case fatality rate among those who are high risk.

0% case fatality rate among those who are not high risk (0 deaths).

Vermonters 40 – 64 with High-Risk Health Conditions

Condition	#	%
COPD	15,700	8%
Chronic Kidney Disease	3,100	2%
Obesity	48,800	26%
Severe Obesity	9,000	5%
CVD	14,500	7%
Smoking	33,300	17%
Pregnancy*	200	1%
Diabetes**	18,000	9%
Cancer***	12,100	6%
1+ High-Risk Condition/Risk Factor (Including cancer)***	100,400	59%
1+ High-Risk Condition/Risk Factor (Excluding cancer)***	95,600	57%

- Diabetes diagnosis, CVD diagnosis, Chronic Kidney diagnosis, and Cancer diagnosis are all EVER diagnosed.
- CVD includes: myocardial infarction, coronary heart disease, and stroke.
- Obesity indicates those with a BMI of 30 kg/m² or higher but < 40 kg/m².
- **Diabetes measure does not distinguish between Type 1 and Type 2.
- ***CDC high-risk conditions and risk factors list refers to 'current cancer,' not 'ever'. As a result, the cancer information likely overestimates the population.
- Down Syndrome, Immunocompromised, and Sickle Cell are not captured on the BRFSS. VHCURES data were analyzed for these populations: fewer than 200 Vermonters aged 40-64 had for down syndrome, sickle cell disease, or had an immunocompromised state (weakened immune system) from solid organ transplant, which is likely an underestimate.

Data source: BRFSS (2019); VHCURS (2019)

*Only asked of women 18-49. The number indicates the average number per year from 2013-2019. These data are suppressed because the RSE was large.

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Covid-19 Vaccine: Basics

- What is the strategy for vaccination after phase 1A (healthcare workers and LTCFs)?
- What data supports this strategy?
- How long will the initial priority phases take to get through?
- When can WE get the vaccine?
- Why should I trust this vaccine?
- How will the vaccine impact “getting back to normal”?

“Getting back to normal”

- The dual pathway public health guidance
- Every infection prevented-> health and economic recovery
- What does it take to achieve herd immunity?
- How long will it take to achieve herd immunity?
 - Vaccine dashboard
 - Vaccine allocation
 - Number of vaccine platforms approved and their efficacy rates
 - Uptake of vaccine by the population
 - Degree of viral suppression we achieve independent of the vaccine
- What does “going back to the office” look like and when?
- What work practices will endure post-Covid? Zoom meetings, online transactions